

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for locating cellular phone numbers comprising, in combination, the steps of:
compiling a list of cellular phone users from at least one cellular phone provider;
compiling a list of corresponding cellular phone numbers of said cellular phone users;
creating a database of said list of said cellular phone users and said list of corresponding cellular phone numbers of said cellular phone users;
publishing said database in at least one of an electronic network, a CD-ROM, and a phone book; and
a user locating at least one of said cellular phone numbers by searching said database.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said database is an alphabetical directory of said cellular phone users and said corresponding cellular phone numbers.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said alphabetical directory is published in an electronic network.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said alphabetical directory is published in a phone book.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said alphabetical directory is published in a CD-ROM.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 2 further comprising the step of generating revenue by soliciting advertising in said alphabetical directory.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 2 further comprising the step of publishing a separate alphabetical directory for separate cellular phone providers.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 2 further comprising the steps of:

- compiling a list of cellular phone users of a first cellular phone provider;

- compiling a list of cellular phone users of at least a second cellular phone provider;

- compiling a list of cellular phone numbers of said cellular phone users of said first cellular phone provider;

- compiling a list of cellular phone numbers of said cellular phone users of said at least a second cellular phone provider;

- merging said list of cellular phone users and corresponding cellular phone numbers of said first cellular phone provider with said list of cellular phone users and corresponding cellular phone numbers of said at least a second cellular phone provider; and

- creating an alphabetical directory of all cellular phone users and corresponding cellular phone from said first cellular phone provider and said at least a second cellular phone provider.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

tagging cellular phone numbers as unpublished at the request of corresponding cellular phone users; and removing unpublished cellular phone numbers from said list of corresponding cellular phone numbers of said cellular phone users.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said database is available to be searched through a dial-in cellular phone directory capable of allowing said user to call a designated directory number and request a cellular phone number corresponding to a name of a cellular phone user.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 10 wherein said dial-in cellular phone directory is operated by a voice-recognition computer.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 10 wherein said dial-in cellular phone directory is operated by a person.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said alphabetical directory is capable of being downloaded to a cellular phone.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said alphabetical directory is capable of being downloaded to a computer.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said alphabetical directory is capable of being downloaded to a personal digital assistant.

16. (Original) A system for locating cellular phone numbers, comprising, in combination:

a memory for storing program instructions and data;

a processor coupled to said memory for executing said program instructions; and

a user input device coupled to said processor for receiving user input, wherein said program instructions include instructions for

compiling a list of cellular phone users from at least one cellular phone provider;

compiling a list of corresponding cellular phone numbers of said cellular phone users;

creating a database of said list of said cellular phone users and said list of corresponding cellular phone numbers of said cellular phone users;

receiving a user input requesting a cellular phone number of a specific cellular phone user;

searching said database for a name of said specific cellular phone user;

locating said name of said specific cellular phone user from said list of cellular phone users from at least one cellular phone provider;

matching said name of said specific cellular phone user from said list of cellular phone users from at least one cellular phone provider with said corresponding cellular phone number of said cellular phone user; and

generating a response to communicate to a user a corresponding cellular phone number of said name of said specific cellular phone user from said database of said list of cellular phone users and said list of corresponding cellular phone numbers of said cellular phone users.

17. (Original) The system of Claim 16 wherein said response is communicated to a user audibly.

18. (Original) The system of Claim 16 wherein said response is communicated to a user textually.

19. (Original) The system of Claim 16 wherein said response to communicate to a user comprises a message that no corresponding phone number exists for said specific cellular phone user.

20. (Original) The system of Claim 16 wherein said response to communicate to a user comprises a message that said corresponding phone number for said specific cellular phone user is unpublished.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for providing access to cellular phone numbers comprising, in combination, the steps of:

compiling a list of cellular phone numbers from at least one cellular provider; and

providing in at least one of an electronic network, a CD-ROM, and a phone book available to phone users at least a portion of ~~the phone book with~~ the list of compiled cellular phone numbers.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for providing access to wireless type phone numbers comprising, in combination, the steps of:

compiling a list of wireless type phone numbers of at least one type of wireless communication device comprising wireless telephones, personal digital assistants and pagers from at least one wireless type phone number provider; and

providing in at least one of an electronic network, a CD-ROM, and a phone book available to wireless communication device users at least a portion of ~~the phone book with~~ the list of wireless type phone numbers of the compiled wireless communication devices.

23. (Original) The method of Claim 22 wherein said wireless telephones are cellular telephones.